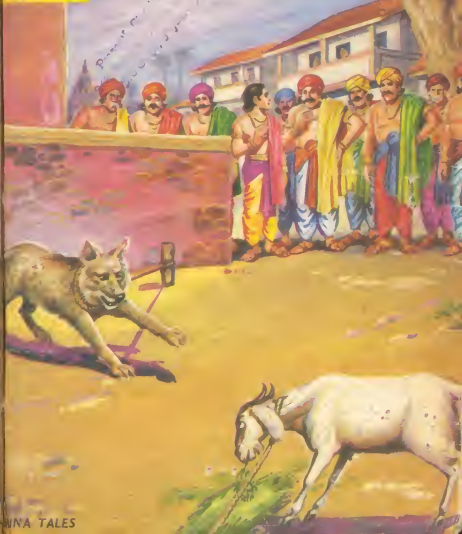


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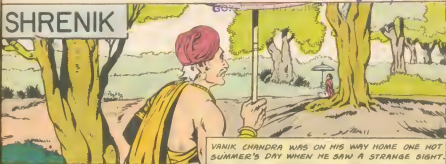
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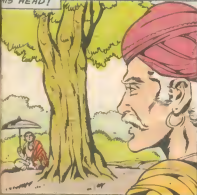
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VANIK CHANDRA WAS ON HIS WAY HOME ONE HOT SUMMER'S DAY WHEN HE SAW A STRANGE SIGHT.

YOUNG MAN SITTING IN THE SHADE OF A TREE WITH HIS UMBRELLA HELD OVER HIS HEAD!



WHEN HE SAW VANIK CHANDRA, THE YOUTH STOOD UP.



SIR, MAY I JOIN YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY?

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME.



WHAT A PECULIAR LAD! HE MUST EITHER BE A GENIUS OR ... A FOOL.

AS THEY WALKED ON THEY CAME UPON A VILLAGE.

AH! I AM HUNGRY. WE SHOULD GET SOMETHING TO EAT IN ONE OF THOSE HOUSES.



VANIK CHANDRA KNOCKED AT THE DOOR OF THE VERY FIRST HOUSE ON THEIR WAY.

WE ARE TRAVELLERS. GOOD SIR. COULD YOU...

THEN. KEEP TRAVELLING!



AND DON'T STOP.

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VANIK CHANDRA TRIED ANOTHER HOUSE.

SIR, WE ARE HUNGRY. WE THOUGHT, PERHAPS...

I AM SORRY. WE HAVE NO FOOD LEFT.



THIS VILLAGE IS UNINHABITED.

!



WHAT DOES HE MEAN?



VANIK CHANDRA DID NOT ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION LEST HE BETRAY HIS OWN IGNORANCE.

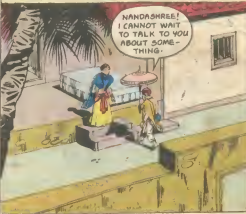
WHEN THEY CAME UPON A RIVER, VANIK
CHANDRA TOOK OFF HIS SANDALS...

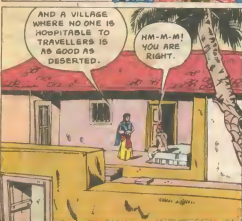
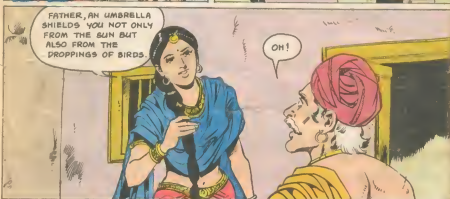
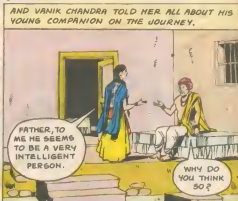


... BUT THE YOUNG MAN WADED THROUGH THE
WATER WITH THEM ON!



AS VANIK CHANDRA REACHED HOME, NANDASHREE,
HIS ONLY DAUGHTER CAME OUT TO RECEIVE HIM.





HIS INTELLIGENCE IS CERTAINLY ABOVE AVERAGE. AND HE IS HANDSOME TOO. NANDASHREE, WHY DON'T YOU...

LET ME TEST HIM, FATHER



YES. SEND FOR HIM. HE IS WAITING OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE. SEND YOUR MAID.

I WILL, FATHER, AFTER I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO RECEIVE HIM.



AND NANDASHREE WENT ABOUT THE TASK.

I WANT YOU TO WATER THE COURTYARD.



AND I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE MAN WAITING OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE. LISTEN CAREFULLY...



THE MAID LEFT EVEN AS THE SERVANTS GOT BUSY WITH THEIR CHORE.



WHEN THE MAID FOUND THE YOUNG MAN —

VANIK CHANDRA'S DAUGHTER NANDASHREE HAS SENT FOR YOU.

I HAVE TO GO TO THE TEMPLE. I HOPE YOU WILL FIND YOUR WAY TO THE HOUSE.

I COULD IF YOU GAVE ME DIRECTIONS.

THE MAID JUST TOUCHED HER EAR AND LEFT.

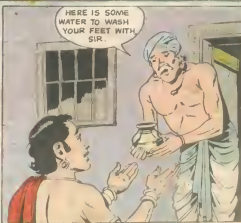
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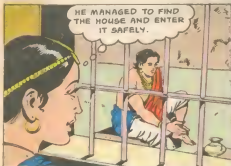
AND YOU FIND DIRT IN THE EAR.

SOON —

AH, HERE IS A HOUSE WITH A PALM TREE.

BUT THE SURROUNDINGS ARE CLEAN! THIS IS NOT THE HOUSE.





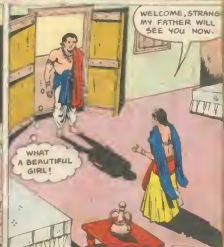
THE YOUNG MAN FIRST DIPPED A RAG INTO THE POT...



...AND WIPED HIS FEET CLEAN.

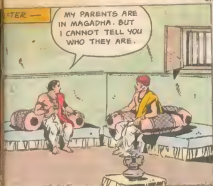


THE WATER IN THE POT WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THE FINAL RINSE.



PETER —

MY PARENTS ARE
IN MAGADHA. BUT
I CANNOT TELL YOU
WHO THEY ARE.



YOU MUST HAVE
GOOD REASONS FOR
KEEPING IT A SECRET.
TELL ME YOUR NAME.

MY NAME?



MY NAME IS
SHRENİK.

SHRENİK?



WHY, YOU
HAVE THE
SAME NAME
AS OUR
BANISHED
PRINCE!

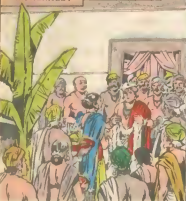


POOR PRINCE. HE
MIGHT BE YOUNGER
THAN THE CROWN
PRINCE, BUT OF THE
TWO HE IS DEFINITELY
MORE FIT TO BE KING.

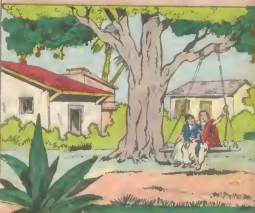




THE YOUNG MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF SHRENIK MARRIED NANDASHREE.



THE COUPLE SPENT MANY HAPPY DAYS TOGETHER.



THEN ONE DAY —



PARDON ME...
...SIR, WE HAVE BEEN
LOOKING FOR YOU
EVERYWHERE. YOUR
FATHER WANTS TO
SEE YOU. HE IS ILL.



LATER —



DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS PASSED BUT
THERE WAS NO SIGN OF SHRENIK.

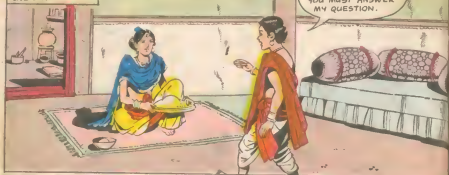


THEN NANDASHREE WAS DELIVERED OF A CHILD.



THE CHILD, ABHAYA KUMAR, AS HE GREW UP SHOWED PROMISE OF OUTSHINING BOTH HIS PARENTS IN INTELLIGENCE.
ONE DAY—

MOTHER, WHERE IS MY FATHER? TODAY YOU MUST ANSWER MY QUESTION.



Y-YOUR FATHER LIVES IN MAGADHA.

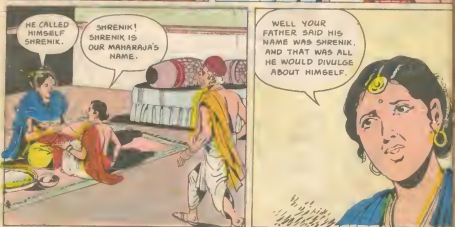
WHAT IS HIS NAME?



HE CALLED HIMSELF SHRENIK.

SHRENIK! SHRENIK IS OUR MAHARAJA'S NAME.

WELL YOUR FATHER SAID HIS NAME WAS SHRENIK, AND THAT WAS ALL HE WOULD DIVULGE ABOUT HIMSELF.



HE WOULD NOT TELL US WHO HIS PARENTS WERE SO WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR HIM IN MAGADHA.

HE MUST HAVE GIVEN THAT NAME BECAUSE AROUND THAT TIME SHRENIK THE PRINCE HAD BEEN BANISHED BY THE LATE MAHARAJA PRASENAJIT.

WHEN DID HE LEAVE FOR MAGADHA?

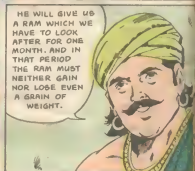
BEFORE YOU WERE BORN.

AROUND THE TIME PRASENAJIT RECALLED SHRENIK AND CROWNED HIM KING.

AND FATHER CALLED HIMSELF SHRENIK.

YES.

HE DID NOT COME BACK. NOR DID HE SEND FOR YOUR MOTHER. YOUR MOTHER WAS ALWAYS IN TEARS SO I DECIDED TO SHIFT TO THIS VILLAGE.



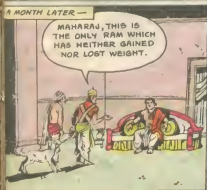
MANY WERE THE VILLAGERS WHO ASPIRED FOR THE MINISTERSHIP.

REMEMBER. YOU MUST BRING BACK YOUR RAM NEXT MONTH.



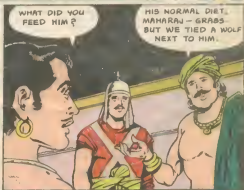
A MONTH LATER —

MAHARAJ, THIS IS THE ONLY RAM WHICH HAS NEITHER GAINED NOR LOST WEIGHT.



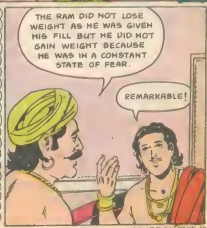
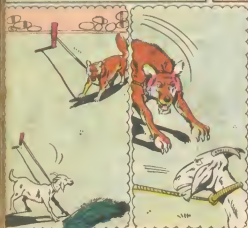
WHAT DID YOU FEED HIM?

HIS NORMAL DIET. MAHARAJ — GRABS BUT WE TIED A WOLF NEXT TO HIM.



THE RAM DID NOT LOSE WEIGHT AS HE WAS GIVEN HIS FILL BUT HE DID NOT GAIN WEIGHT BECAUSE HE WAS IN A CONSTANT STATE OF FEAR.

REMARKABLE!



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... that apart from fasting for the whole week, on the eighth day, every Jain goes round to young and old with folded hands begging their forgiveness for the wrongs knowingly and unknowingly done to them during the year ?



(B) This 17-metre Gomateshwar block of the world. Wh

(A) Where is the Dilwara temple dedicated to the first Tirthankara of the Jains ?



- (C) The Bodhi tree is associated with Buddha's enlightenment. Which tree is associated with Mahavira's?



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linath,

- (D) Vardhamana Mahavira was the 24th Tirthankara of the Jains. How many Tirthankaras are there?

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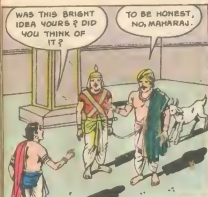


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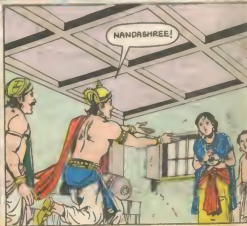
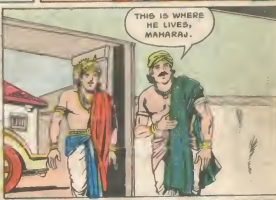
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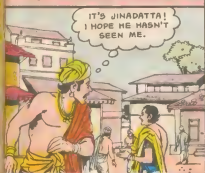
THE TWO SET OUT TOGETHER.



SHRENIK THE STRANGER AND SHRENIK THE KING WERE THE SAME PERSON.

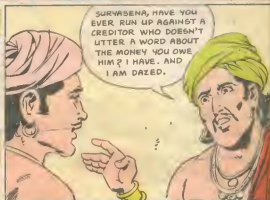
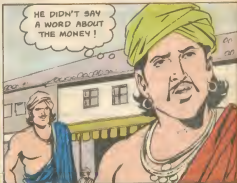


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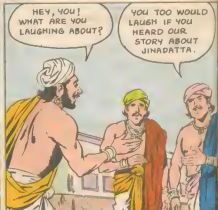


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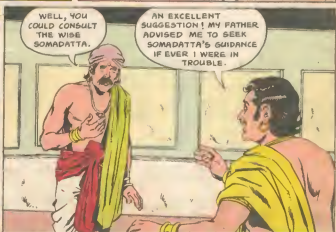
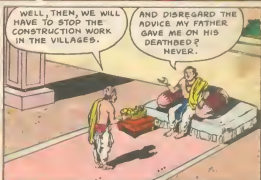
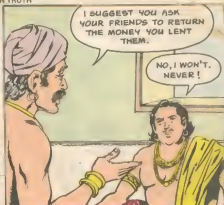








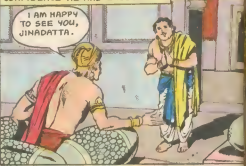
MEANWHILE AT VINADATTA'S HOUSE —



JINADATTA IMMEDIATELY SET OUT TO SEE SOMADATTA.



THE WISE OLD SOMADATTA RECEIVED WITH AFFECTION THE SON OF HIS DEPARTED FRIEND WHOM CONFIDENCE HE HAD ENJOYED.



I AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU, JINADATTA.

YOU HAVE PUT ON A LOT OF WEIGHT. HAVE YOU BEEN EATING TOO MANY SWEETS?

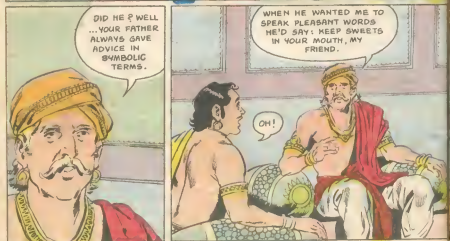
YES. THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER ADVISED ME TO DO, UNCLE.



DID HE? WELL ... YOUR FATHER ALWAYS GAVE ADVICE IN SYMBOLIC TERMS.

WHEN HE WANTED ME TO SPEAK PLEASANT WORDS HE'D SAY: KEEP SWEETS IN YOUR MOUTH, MY FRIEND.

OH!



HOW ARE YOU
FARING IN
BUSINESS,
JINADATTA?

NOT VERY
WELL, I AM
AFRAID, SIR.

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE
HONESTLY AND FAITH-
FULLY BEEN FOLLOWING
FATHER'S ADVICE.

WHAT
ADVICE?

WELL, HE HAD
ADVISED ME NEVER
TO ASK FOR
MONEY GIVEN
AWAY.

VERY SOUND ADVICE,
INDEED! YOU SHOULD
NEVER PUT YOURSELF IN
A POSITION WHERE YOU
WILL HAVE TO ASK FOR
THE MONEY YOU
HAVE LENT.

IT MEANS YOU
SHOULD NOT LEND
MONEY TO
UNSCRUPULOUS
DEBTORS.

OH!

AND I TOOK
HIS WORDS
LITERALLY!



NOW WHAT
COULD FATHER HAVE
MEANT WHEN HE
SAID I MUST BUILD
A HOUSE IN EVERY
VILLAGE?



HE MEANT THAT
YOU SHOULD MAKE
TRUE FRIENDS
WHEREVER
YOU GO.



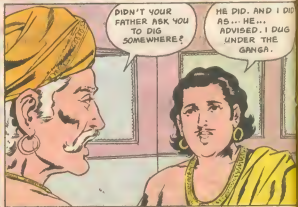
AND I HAVE GONE
BANKRUPT BUILDING
HOUSES. OH, UNCLE!
I AM A FOOL! I AM
RUINED! I HAVE
LOST EVERY-
THING!



NO, JINADATTA. YOU ARE
WRONG. YOU HAVE LOST
NOTHING. INSTEAD YOU
HAVE GAINED MUCH. YOU
HAVE GAINED INVALU-
ABLE EXPERIENCE.

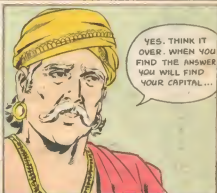


BUT OF WHAT USE IS
ALL THAT EXPERIENCE
WHEN I HAVE NO
CAPITAL TO START
AFRESH.



DIDN'T YOUR
FATHER ASK YOU
TO DIG
SOMEWHERE?

HE DID. AND I DID
AS... HE...
ADVISED. I DUG
UNDER THE
GANGA.



BUT BY THEN HE HAD REACHED THE COURTYARD OF HIS HOUSE WHERE THE SIGHT OF A HERD OF CATTLE DIVERTED HIS THOUGHTS.



DO THEY BELONG TO US?

YES, SIR. ALL OF THEM.



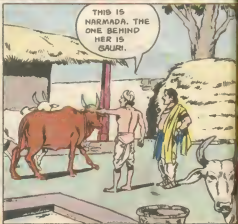
AND I KNOW EACH ONE OF THEM BY NAME, SIR.

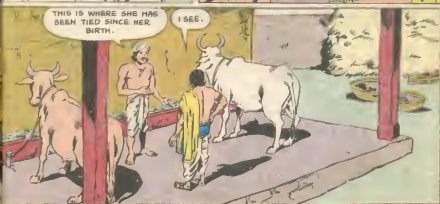


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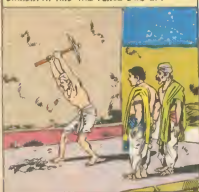


THIS IS NARMADA. THE ONE BEHIND HER IS GAURI.





JINADATTA HAD THE PLACE DUG UP.



I THINK WE HAVE FOUND IT!
I HAVE FOUND THE CAPITAL!



INDEED JINADATTA HAD FOUND HIS CAPITAL —
AN URN OF GOLD COINS!

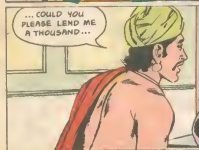


I WILL USE THIS
GOLD WITH GREAT
CARE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY —



JINADATTA,
I HATE TO
TROUBLE YOU,
BUT...



... COULD YOU
PLEASE LEND ME
A THOUSAND...



I AM SORRY,
CHANDRASENA.
I DON'T HAVE A
COIN TO SPARE.

JINADATTA HAD LEARNT HIS LESSON. HE NOW HELPED ONLY THE DESERVING, AND USED THE REST OF HIS WEALTH TO EARN MORE THROUGH WISE INVESTMENT.